

25, WILTON PLACE.
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My dear Gray

I owe you answers to two or three notes - but I have little heart for letter-writing where not necessary.

Thanks for all Compositae notes they will go with other criticisms I receive for consideration when I come to Addenda and Corrigenda for the 2^d volume - if I live so long.

At the next Linnean Council (15th Jan?) I have set down for consideration a proposal to send to the Herbarium Library Botanic Garden Harvard University copies of the Botanical papers of ~~Old~~ Transactions which we make a few up separately as we send the Zoological to the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

I am far advanced in my Revision
of Mimosa having just about got
through Acacia (all before it does) I
find I was mistaken in reference combining
the Mexican and Texas A. Coulteri in
one species - I had the Mexican one in
flower and Wrights in fruit only and
the foliage being nearly the same I
thought they were both one species
I have now from various source flowers
and fruiting specimens of both and find
the two very different in both respects. I
call the Texas one A. Emoryana.

Saunders' Refugium is unfortunately
at a stand still owing to his failure
in business which we all so deeply
deplore. Probably however some
arrangements will be made to complete
the work in 5 volumes. I do not think

that any ^{part} have appeared since what
you have.

I have received the returned copy
of Gen. Pl. part 1 and will credit you
for it in the next account. I must
however observe that it has come
back so stained on the edges as to be
quite unsaleable as new.

A new part of Icones will be sent
you in a few days

Yours very sincerely
George Bentham

Kind remembrances to Mr Gray
and a happy Xmas to you both.